CLAIMS

1. Method for determining, in a geological formation crossed by a cased well, the resistivity beyond the casing comprising the following steps:

   a) carrying out (21) at least one resistivity log of the formation in the non-cased well before casing,

   b) carrying out (22) at least one resistivity log of the formation in the cased well by means of a tool,

   c) identifying (23) at least one zone of the formation in which the resistivity given by the log in the cased well and that given by the log in the non-cased well has remained substantially constant,

   d) constructing (24) a model of the formation by a parametric inversion method from the results of the log in the non-cased well and the characteristics of the well and the casing,

   e) calculating (25) the response of the tool to said model,

   f) comparing (26.1) the response of the tool to said model and the resistivity log in the cased well in the calibration zone while changing, if necessary, in the model, a geometric factor k conditioning the resistivity as long as the comparison criterion is not satisfactory,

   g) deducing (28.1) the geometric factor k of the model,

   h) calculating (29) the resistivity of the formation by means of the resistivity log in the cased well and at least the geometric factor deduced for at least one zone of the formation different to the calibration zone.

2. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that when several calibration zones are determined, they have different resistivities.

3. Method according to claim 2, characterised in that it comprises a step of evaluating the resistivity (Rcem) of a cement introduced between the casing and the well by comparing the response of the tool to said model and the resistivity log in the cased well in a low

resistivity calibration zone while changing, if necessary, the resistivity of the cement in the model, as long as the comparison criterion is not satisfactory, the evaluated resistivity of the cement being used in step h.

5   4. Method according to either of claims 2 or 3, characterised in that it comprises a step of evaluating an offset current (Ioff) by comparison between the response of the tool to said model and the resistivity log in the cased well in a high resistivity calibration zone, by changing, if necessary, the offset current as long as the comparison criterion is not satisfactory, the evaluated offset current being used in step h.

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5. Method according to any of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that the construction of the model is moreover carried out with the results of the resistivity logs in the cased well if one has several resistivity logs in the cased well.

15   6. Method according to any of claims 1 to 5, characterised in that it comprises, before step d, a step of in-depth recalibration of the resistivity from the log in the non-cased well and the resistivity from the log in the cased well, so that said recalibrated resistivities correspond to substantially identical depths.

20   7. Method according to any of claims 1 to 6, characterised in that it comprises a preliminary step of estimating the geometric factor k which is useful for obtaining the resistivity from the resistivity log carried out in the cased well.

8. Method according to any of claims 1 to 7, characterised in that it comprises a 25 preliminary step of estimating an offset current (Ioff) which is useful for obtaining the resistivity from the resistivity log carried out in the cased well.

9. Method according to any of claims 1 to 8, characterised in that it comprises a preliminary step of estimating the resistivity of the cement (Rcem) introduced between the casing and the well, said resistivity being useful for obtaining the resistivity from the resistivity log carried out in the cased well.

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10. Method according to any of claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the model integrates an initial resistivity value (Rcem) for the cement introduced between the casing (1) and the well (2).

10　　11. Method according to any of claims 1 to 10, characterised in that the model comprises two concentric regions (15, 20) having different resistivities separated by an interface (31), one of the regions being close to the well, the other further away.

12. Method according to claim 11, characterised in that it comprises a step of carrying
15　out at least one log of the section of capture that makes it possible to deduce, knowing the salinity in the near region, the resistivity (Rxo) in the near region, then a step of calculating, by means of the model, in at least one zone distinct from the calibration zone, the resistivity in the distant region (Rt) and the position of the interface (di).

20　　13. Method for determining the salinity of the water and / or the saturation in water located in a substantially homogeneous formation crossed by a cased well, characterised in that it consists in carrying out a log of the section of capture in the cased well, and combining the results of the log of the section of capture with the resistivity determined by the method according to any of claims 1 to 11, in order to determine the salinity and / or the saturation.

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